THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Muslim and Scheduled Castes IAS/IPS in Uttar Pradesh and Bihar

2130. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Muslim and Scheduled Caste officers in the cadre of Indian Administrative Service and Indian Police Service presently allotted to Uttar Pradesh and Bihar; and

(b) the number of such officers belonging to Uttar Pradesh and Bihar?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) The number of scheduled caste officers in Uttar Pradesh and Bihar and the number of such officers belonging to these respective States are given below:—

	IAS	IPS
(i) Total number of Scheduled Caste officer in Uttar Pradesh	77	49
(ii) Number of such officers belonging to Uttar Pradesh	31	29
(iii) Total number of Scheduled Caste officer in Bihar	32	20
(iv) Number of such officers belonging to Bihar	8	5

Information is not maintained regarding representation of different religious communities in the public services.

Complaints received from Retired Government Employees for Non-issue of Pensions and Gratuity Payment

2131. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of complaints received from the retired Government employees about the non-issue of pensions, the payment of gratuity and provident fund during the last three years;

(b) the number of cases decided till September 30, 1988; and

(c) the number of cases still pending and by when these cases will be decided?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (c) The system of sanction and payment of pension operates on a decentralised basis. Complaints relating to non finalisation of pension cases were, therefore, being referred to the respective pension sanctioning authorities in the past for necessary action. The data in the manner desired was not therefore maintained. However, with a view to minimising delay in sanction of pensions, instructions were issued in January, 1987 making Heads of Departments/Offices accountable for strict compliance of Government orders for ensuring authorisation of payment of pension and gratuity, provisional or final, by the date of retirement on superannuation. The retiring employees who did not receive pension payment order on the date of retirement were also asked to bring such cases to the notice of this Ministry. From April, 1987 to 30th September, 1988, 46 cases have been brought to the notice of this Department; out of which 25 have been settled. The remaining cases are being pursued with the concerned authorities.